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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coordinating Agencies**
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes
- Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 26, 2008

TO: Members

FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the December 3, 2008 Members Teleconference

**Members Teleconference
Wednesday, December 3, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx)**

WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference has been arranged for this meeting:

Select: [Members Dec 3rd WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference](#)

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http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_main.cfm.

Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve the draft agenda.

ITEM 2: November 17, 2008 Members Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve the draft November 20, 2008 Members Teleconference action notes as final.

ITEM 3: CBFWA Presentation and Comments on the Northwest Power & Conservation Council (Council)'s Draft Amended Fish and Wildlife Program

Update: At the Council's November 18, 2008 meeting, Brian Lipscomb gave a presentation summarizing CBFWA comments on the Council's Draft Program.

A follow up conversation occurred with Chairman Booth relative to what the Council may consider doing with the agencies and Tribes comments. Potential revisions to the Program will be reviewed with the Members to inform the potential consultation in item 4.

The final CBFWA comment package on the draft F&W Program (Introduction

letter, Members signature page, Attachment 1. addressing specific changes to the measures, and Attachment 2. provisions for basinwide, anadromous fish, and resident fish tables of measures and their sources) was submitted to the Council on December 1, 2008.

ITEM 4: Potential December 9th Follow-up Consultation Meeting and Presentation between CBFWA Agencies and Tribes, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Council

Discussion: At the 11/17 meeting, the Members discussed the value of scheduling a follow-up consultation meeting and presentation with the Council on December 9, in Portland, Oregon. This is an opportunity for the Members to provide more detail on the process for updating the subbasin summaries, monitoring and evaluation, and wildlife sections of their comments. The consultation would be a back and forth communication about how the Council would accommodate the comments provided by CBFWA. The Council will have 3-weeks to review and develop language to address the comments provided by the fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes.

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve letter requesting consultation with the Council to discuss comments on the draft Program on December 9 in Portland, Oregon.
2. Approve consultation presentation.

ITEM 5: Briefing for the New Administration

Discussion: With the change in administration, the Members may consider developing a consensus briefing paper for the new administration.

Recommended Action:

1. Direct the staff to work with the MAG to develop a recommended briefing for the incoming administration for approval at the Winter Members Meeting.

ITEM 6: FY 2009 Project Decisions Relative to the Development of Long-term Work Plans (LTWP)/Multi-year Work Plans (MYWP)

- Smolt Monitoring/BPA start of year budget
- CBFWA Work Plan
 - SOTR
- Other Projects
 - Collaboration Forum for Regional Implementation Oversight Group (RIOG)

The Smolt Monitoring Program and the CBFWA Workplan are two of many mainstem/systemwide projects whose funding is uncertain during the next three year funding cycle. The development of LTWPs could address these deficiencies in the current BPA Start of Year Budget. The Members should initiate meetings with BPA and Council to begin development of a [Draft Mainstem Multi-year Work Plan](#).

CBFWA Work Plan:

CBFWA staff has begun working on their FY09 work plan and budget. MAG will review the draft work plan in December and present a final to the Members at their

January meeting in Boise, Idaho. The major efforts will focus on implementing the CBFWA amendment recommendations including development of a Mainstem/Systemwide Work Plan, improvement of monitoring and evaluation, development of loss assessment methodology for resident fish and wildlife, developing province and regional biological objectives, and imitating a wildlife crediting forum for addressing mitigation issues.

Smolt Monitoring/BPA Start of Year Budget:

At the 11/13 MAG Teleconference, Brian Lipscomb advised that there are several issues pending under the draft FY09 start of year budget. Along with many other projects, the funding for the smolt monitoring project has been flat-lined and the funding is not enough to maintain the current level of effort within FY08 and requires an increase in budget. Michele DeHart, FPC, was advised by the BPA COTR to address this issue to the Budget Oversight Group (BOG) to obtain an increase in budget. On October 29th Michele sent a memo to the BOG addressing this issue

(http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_1113/FPCmemoSmoltMo nitProgFY09DeHart178-08.pdf). She stated, the BOG process was to forward this to the Council for their decision. The Council will not be able to make a decision until February 2009; however, the program is due to start on March 1, 2009. The only projects within this program that could start on time would be Bonneville and John Day so the timing is a hindrance. Michele added that three states have a project within the Smolt Monitoring Program: Idaho at trap sites, Oregon at Little Goose and Grand Ronde river trap; and Washington at several mainstem projects.

The MAG requested that FPAC provide an assessment of the vital information that will be lost this year (i.e., from the perspective of BiOp implementation, etc.) and how the ability to manage the resources will be affected for the Members review.

**Recommended
Actions:**

1. Members adopt the draft Mainstem Multi-year Work Plan as a basis for negotiations with BPA and the NPCC determining long term funding commitments for the mainstem projects that may or may not be part of the FCRPS Biological Opinions and not identified in the Fish Accords.
2. Members assign a team to conduct the negotiations with BPA and the NPCC.

ITEM 7: Request for 2009 CBFWA Committee Designees at Winter Members Meeting

The Upper Snake River Tribes' will host the January 21 & 22, 2009 Winter Members Meeting in Boise, Idaho.

At the winter meeting of the Members, it is customary for each Member to appoint designees and alternates to serve on the groups and committees of CBFWA for the next year. We have developed a template for you to complete and bring to the January 21 & 22, 2009 Members Meeting. The template is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_1203/CBFWAdesigneesCommunicationRequestSurvey12Nov2008.doc.

**Recommended
Action:**

1. Complete the template.

ITEM 8: Developing a Northwest Tribal Climate Change Legislative Strategy Workshop

Update: The workshop will be hosted by Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission & the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority on December 10, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Portland State's University Place Center, Portland OR

There is workshop space for 100 attendees. Please provide estimates of attendees to Charles Hudson, CRITFC, (503) 731-1257, hudc@critfc.org

ITEM 9: Welch, et al paper on *Survival of Migrating Salmon Smolts in Large Rivers With and Without Dams*

Update: On November 13, 2008 Michele DeHart, FPC, provided a verbal analysis of the paper to the MAG. Following the meeting, Michele sent a memo to MAG members with detailed conclusions based on their review of the report and underlying data (see <http://www.fpc.org/documents/memos/186-08.pdf>)

After a lengthy discussion, the MAG was not in agreement with CBFWA responding on this paper and suggested instead that in the event that conflict arises, CBFWA could respond to the validity of the arguments that presented on the FPC website provided in response to the FPC data requests. If the situation changes, or there are potential policy/management decisions based on the information in the Welche et al paper, then CBFWA may need to give this more consideration.

ITEM 10: AFAC Review of NOAA Fisheries' Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidelines Update

Update: The AFAC is working with non-AFAC members to review the draft data dictionary and monitoring guidance documents. Dave Ward and Ken MacDonald will provide a brief update on the status of the review. The point of the review is not to provide official CBFWA comments to NOAA, but rather to work with NOAA to improve the products as much as possible.

Upcoming Meetings:

Members January Teleconference: Wed. Jan. 7, 2009 (1-4pm)

Winter Members Meeting, Boise, ID: Wed. Jan. 21 and Thurs. Jan. 22, 2009

CBFWA-BPA-Council Consultation Meeting, Portland, OR, Dec. 9th

Developing a Northwest Tribal Climate Change Legislative Strategy Workshop, Portland, OR, Dec. 10th

Council December Meeting, Portland OR, Dec. 9-11th

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/>

Council January Meeting, Missoula, MT, Jan. 13-15th